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DR. JAMES G. WOMACK

HAVING located himself permanently in the Town of SALISBURY, tenders his professional services to its citizens and the adjacent country, in all the various branches of his profession. He can be found at his Office, on main street, one door below the office of the "Western Carolinian."

July 3, 1710. 1y

DR. G. B. DOUGLAS

HAS removed his Office to No. 1, of the Office Row of the Mansion Hotel, lately occupied by Dr. B. Austin.

January 17, 1840. y

DR. LEANDER KELLIAN,

RESPECTFULLY offers his professional services to the citizens of Salisbury, and the surrounding country. His office is in Mr. West's new brick building, nearly opposite J. & W. Murphy's store.

Salisbury, N. C., August 20, 1839. tf.

Just received *and receiving,*

A large stock of *MEDICINES*, fresh and genuine *PAINTS, Oils, Brushes, Glass-ware, Lemon Syrup, INSTRUMENTS, Soaps, Candles, Rice, Spices, Perfumes, Tobacco, Segars, Paste Boards, WRITING* AND *WRAPPING PAPER*, ALSO, a large supply of

Wines and Spirits, (for Medical use,)

which will be sold at wholesale and retail, at prices to suit the pressure of the times, by

C. B. & C. K. WHEELER.

Salisbury, June 19, 1810. tf.

Cotton Yarns.

THE Subscribers, Agents for the Lexington Cotton Factory, would inform the public that they have just received and now offer for sale, wholesale and retail, the Cotton Yarns of said Factory, consisting of various numbers.—The superior qualities and character of the Yarns of this Factory are so well tested and known as to need no recommendation from us.—**Those wishing to purchase will please give us a call.**

C. B. & C. K. WHEELER, Agts.

April 24, 1840. tf.

NEW ESTABLISHMENT.
IN MOCKSVILLE, DAVIE COUNTY, N. C.

THOMAS FOSTER

INFORMS the public that he has removed from his former stand, to his new buildings on the public square, in the Town of Mocksville, where he will continue to keep a HOUSE OF ENTERTAINMENT.

His House is roomy and commodious; attached to which are six comfortable Offices for gentlemen of the Bar, all convenient to the Court House. The subscriber pledges himself to the most diligent exertions, to give satisfaction to such as may call on him. His Table, Bar and Stables are provided in the best manner that the country will afford, and his servants are faithful and prompt.

Feb. 14, 1839. 74 tf

To Journeymen Coach-Makers.

THE Subscriber will give steady employment to two good Journeymen Coach-makers, who can come well recommended for habits of sobriety and industry. Their business will be to make and repair Coaches, &c., or which, (if they suit) he will pay liberal wages.

JOHN F. MAXEY.

Lexington, October 11, 1839. tf

Notice.

THE Subscriber has on hand [illegible] in Salisbury, three feet [illegible] STRAIGHT-GRAIN [illegible]

December 6, 1839. tf

MATCHLESS SANATIVE!

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CONGRESSIONAL.

REMARKS OF MR. LINCOLN, OF MASS.

[illegible] in the House of Representatives, April 7, 1840, on the [illegible] to refund to [illegible] the expenses of the latter to Boston and of the Hon. [illegible] Mass., a small item for chandelier and repair of the President's House, &c.

When Mr. LINCOLN obtained the floor, it was late in the evening, and, perceiving that his voice was fatigued by the long sitting, it was proposed to adjourn the debate to the following day; but Mr. L. preferred saying at once what he had to say. He began by replying to some remarks of Mr. Ogle, incidental to the main debate, taking occasion, in the course of his reply, to state certain particulars in which his remarks on a former day had been misstated, probably because misunderstood, by the Reporter for the Globe newspaper. After disposing of this preliminary matter, Mr. L. proceeded to the main subject before the Committee of the Whole, upon which he spoke as follows:

The member from Pennsylvania (said Mr. Lincoln) has insisted that the tendency of my remarks was to justify the purchase of extravagant articles of furniture for the President's house. I repeat that I attempted no such justification, for I had neither seen many of the exceptionable articles nor inquired into their price. The argument, so far as it went, was against that false standard of economy which measures the value of a thing by its cost, and decides upon its fitness with no reference whatever to the place or occasion for its use. The selection of furniture for such an establishment is matter of taste, about which minds may well differ; and I said that while some would consider as most appropriate the rich and showy, others would prefer the plain and simple in fashion; but that, for a mansion so spacious and so magnificent as that which the nation had provided for the residence of the Chief Magistrate, the furniture, so far as I had seen, was neither too good nor too abundant. In this I am not aware that I am alone among the Whigs, although I may not indeed be so happy as to meet the approving voice of all. But does such a difference imply dereliction of principle any where? The member suggests that my manner of life and habits of thinking may have given me a taste for articles of extravagance. What does he know of my habits of life? Sir, I can tell him they have been as honorably laborious, and as plainly republican, at least, as his own. Be it from necessity or choice, I am in no wise ignorant of those duties and offices which become the humblest station. I have been taught to toil as faithfully, and to direct my thoughts as uprightly, as the least proud one here. One lesson more have I learned, that, in reference to the conduct of others, the tongue is an unruly organ, which an evil spirit may indulge, but which candor and a love of truth should at all times restrain.

Mr. Chairman, it can only be necessary to review the remarks of the member to show the absurdity of their intended application. While he condemns the extravagance of the furniture, he is silent in respect to the appropriations through which it was procured. *These appropriations are the grants of legislation by the Representatives of the people.* Whose was the work of constructing the costly mansion, and to what end was it reared? More than forty years have now elapsed since the building was erected, at the charge of more than half a million of dollars to the nation, and from that time to the present it has been occupied in the manner in which it is now used. Congress, through all this intervening period, have voted the sums for furnishing the house, as they had previously done for its construction. If it were intended that the occupant should himself provide the furniture, wherefore these grants? They commenced before the house was first taken possession of by the elder Adams, and the occasions for further supplies have since been voluntarily anticipated upon every succession to the Presidency. Besides, the spacious halls and lofty ceilings of such a mansion require much which would be suited to no other residence. The reasonableness of compelling a President elect to an outlay exceeding his annual salary in the purchase of furniture for a house, the occupancy of which he has not the election to refuse, and the tenancy of which, at the expiration of every four years, is at the disposal of the popular voice, with the certainty of the sacrifice upon the cost of the property in the attempt to dispose of it for any other place or use, cannot gravely be contended for. The credit of the country itself would suffer by such an arrangement; for either the officer, by the absorption of his salary in the purchase of suitable and sufficient furniture for the house, would be deprived of the appointed means for his proper support in the office, or, by the neglect of such provision, would exhibit to the world, in his public station, the discreditable contrast of magnificent apartments meanly destitute or scantily furnished with whatever was appropriate to their occupation. It is a great mistake to suppose that these accommodations are for the personal relief, or to the private advantage of the President. He is made by them, and by the amplitude of his salary, emphatically the host of the nation. His guests are the guests of the people. The Executive mansion is the place for their reception. This house of the people is the sitting position in which, in the person of their Chief Magistrate, they receive from the representatives of other people the homage due to the sovereignty of this great Republic. Here ambassadors and ministers, the accredited messengers from the proudest and most powerful, the enlightened and most refined of the kingdoms of the earth, are received and entertained in the name of the hospitality of the nation! And here, too, the courtesies of official station are exchanged between the high functionaries of the Government, and extended to all classes of the citizens. The House, it is well known, is open to all, and is daily visited by many. [illegible] its [illegible] vote [illegible]

In respect to the grounds about the President's house, they, in common with those around the Capitol, are, at all times, open to the public. They have been laid out and ornamented at the public charge, and if not now cared for by Congress, will soon become a neglected and unsightly waste. The President has no motive to the expense of their improvement. Like the spacious walks and cultivated borders of the beautiful enclosure within which we are here situated, they are for the enjoyment of the people, and in the frequency of resort to them, and the freedom with which they are used, it is daily seen how little they are regarded as private. They are, indeed, accessible to all, and I would recommend to the member himself, at some pleasant eventide, to repair to this quiet retreat, and indulge in the meditation to which it invites.

Again: It is made a heinous offence in me that, in addition to all which is now within and about the House, I gave notice that the committee of which I am a member would propose, at the present session, a small appropriation for one of the rooms most frequently in use, and which is now entirely destitute of furniture. The bill which contains that appropriation has since been reported from the committee, and gives a few hundred dollars for the purchase of plain furniture, of American manufacture, for the ante-room to the President's parlor. The member objects that this is altogether unnecessary, and the reason he assigns for this opinion is no singular as the [illegible] extraordinary in itself. "In the [illegible]" says the member, "visitors [illegible] they are admitted to an audience, [illegible] dressed this committee, on a [illegible] day, I described this room as the [illegible]

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POLITICAL MISCELLANY.

From the Globe.

JOHN RANDOLPH'S CHARGE.

Every day brings forth some new proof to show why Harrison admitted the charge made on him in 1825, by *Mr. Randolph*, which he is now so anxious to deny, that he has actually embraced a pamphlet containing a forged speech, for that of 1825, altering the sense, and striking out the admission of that published by him in the National Intelligencer and Register of Debates in 1825. When Randolph lived, he dared not make the denial, because hundreds then existed to bear testimony to Randolph's statement. John Fowler, of Lexington, Kentucky; Mr. Mills, of Indiana; Mr. Pence, of Ohio, all old acquaintances of Harrison during the days of the black cockade, are now supported in their positive statements of his having mounted the badge of Federalism, by Captain White, of Ohio, an intimate acquaintance of Harrison, then and ever since. This gentleman stands above all suspicion as to integrity:

From the Maysville Monitor.

BLACK COCKADEISM—MORE TESTIMONY:

At the meeting of the Democratic Association, held at the Town House on Saturday night last, Capt. Jacob White, one of that race of men whose Revolutionary labors will long be held in remembrance by the American people, was called upon for a speech, and in the course of his remarks, alluded to General Harrison. He said he had, for a long period of time, been upon the most intimate terms with him, and *he well knows that he has seen General Harrison wear the black cockade.* Captain White said he had lived in Cincinnati, and saw General H. upon his return from Congress, and distinctly recollects that he had mounted that badge of Federalism. Captain White's veracity is unimpeachable, and no man entertained a higher opinion of him than General Harrison himself, and of this fact Captain White has abundant evidences in a number of letters and other papers from under General Harrison's own hand. Here then is another undoubted evidence of General Harrison's devotion to the odious principles of the administration of John Adams. Will men who profess to be the followers of Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe, obey the promptings of a base and ambitious faction of office seekers, and give their support to such a man?

When Capt. White addressed a large meeting of the Democratic party a few weeks ago, at Slickaway, Ohio, the Maysville Eagle, in derision of that venerable patriot, asked: "Who was that old soldier?" For its information, we quote the following extract from a report made to Congress by the Committee of Revolutionary Pensions, on the 25th of February, 1830:

"The petitioner, Jacob White, the committee are informed by the Commissioner of Pensions, is now in the receipt of a pension granted to him on his application. He now applies to Congress to have that pension increased.

"From the examination of his papers, it appears that Capt. White was a brave and meritorious officer, employed in many perilous services, in all of which he acquitted himself with high honor to himself and benefit to his country."

Extract from a letter from a distinguished American now in Europe:

"Notwithstanding the shouting of the Opposition papers which I receive and read, I cannot believe so intelligent a people as ours will ever sanction, by the election of General Harrison, the fatal doctrine which is involved in it, that a set of interested men, merchants and bankers, shall be entrusted with the tremendous power, through the instrumentality of the currency, of stretching or contracting at pleasure, the measure of value for the property of all the rest of the community. In spite of all the dust and smoke which a violent party contest always raises, a majority, at least, before the election, must be made to see that such a measure would be, in essence and effect, the same as to entrust the power to the same set of interested men to fix for the present the price of their lands, and the products of them, and afterwards, to suit their interest, to alter it at pleasure. A naked proposition like the latter, every man, however dull or excited by party feeling or prejudice, would be alarmed at and reject, without a moment's hesitation; and yet what is the difference between having the price of your land, your wheat, your cotton and tobacco, fixed and unfixed at pleasure by the purchaser, and giving the purchaser the power of fixing and unfixing the chain, or the bushel, or weights, by which they are measured?

"Such is the light in which the question involved in the Presidential election is viewed by disinterested and intelligent men in Europe. The majority of bankers and merchants, to whom the opposite doctrine would give the control over the fortunes of the rest of the community, side with the opposition to the present Administration."

No small Shooting of Rollers.—A Model has been exhibited to the Franklin, to Mr. Greenwood for a contrivance, preventing the explosion of Steam [illegible] under any circumstances. [illegible] United States and make [illegible] Improvement to prevent the Explosion of [illegible] and we shall [illegible] give him our thousand [illegible]

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[The statement of Mr. Jones, here alluded to, was published in our last.]

All this may be true—we have no reason to doubt a word of it—but it does not, by any means, prove the title of the Salisbury flag to the high honor claimed for it. The following account of the enlistment of the "Canada Volunteers" and of their flag, may be relied on as substantially correct. It will, if necessary, be substantiated by the affidavits of at least a portion of the survivors of the Volunteers, and of other old inhabitants of this place.

When the news of the surrender of Hull reached Petersburg, "WHO IS FOR CANADA?" at once burst from the lips of Virginians, indignant, as they should be, at the disgrace inflicted on their country's honor. Steps were immediately taken for raising and equipping a Volunteer Company for the service. A flag was displayed with the words "Who is for Canada?" From stores and from workshops Volunteers eagerly poured out. Every tailor and every saddler was immediately busied in making uniforms and accoutrements. The ladies of the town were all employed in making knapsacks. In the course of six weeks from the time at which the news of Hull's surrender reached here, the company was ready to march. The company then assembled on Centre Hill to receive the flag, which was presented by the ladies of Petersburg. On this occasion Benj. W. Leigh addressed the Volunteers in behalf of the ladies. The flag was carried to Fort Meigs, and when the company returned, it was brought back by one of their number, and for a few years was in possession of Mr Chieves, but for the last twenty-four it has been in the possession of Col. Scott, and is displayed on all great occasions. This is a brief history of our flag as we received it from several who have the best right to know. They all assert that the Volunteers never had but one flag. If the company had been in existence previous to their volunteering to march to Canada, there would be some plausibility in the supposition of their having two flags, but the fact of their having formed themselves into a company expressly for the service in which they were afterwards engaged, renders such a supposition improbable, and the positive declaration of the surviving Volunteers establishes the contrary beyond a doubt.

Hard Questions for the Feds.—We find in the "*New Era*" the following questions addressed to the Feds, which will, we think, puzzle them right smartly to answer satisfactorily. We hope our Democratic friends will put these questions to the Feds, and insist upon full, fair and explicit answers.

Why did real estate, which cost, in 1817, $1,500,000, bring only $500,000 in 1819? Was it the want of a U. S Bank?

Why was it that flour sold for from twelve to thirteen dollars per barrel in 1817, and only four and a half in 1819? Was it Gen. Jackson's "tinkering with the currency?

Why were our imports sixty millions more than our exports in 1816? Was it the "specie humbug?"

Why were thousands and tens of thousands thrown out of employment in 1818 and 1819? Was it the "Sub Treasury?"

Why was it that in 1816 and 1817 wild and reckless speculations were engaged in, and wanton extravagance and luxury the order of the day? Was it the "want of paper money?"

Why was it in 1818, '19, '20, and '21, our banks, our merchants, and our manufacturers, from Maine to Georgia, were all involved in common bankruptcy? Was it caused by the "Administration of Martin Van Buren?"

Why were the exchanges more deranged in 1818, and the three subsequent years, than they were before or have been since? Was it the "want of a great regulator?"

Point no Point.—"It is my opinion that no pledge should be made by an individual when in nomination for any office in the gift of the people.
Gen. Harrison at Fort Meigs.

Per Contra.—"I will not veto any bill which Congress may pass."—*Gen. H. at Cleveland, same tour.*

Put that and that together, and a fair sample of Harrison politics—Harrison consistency, is furnished. "All things to all men" that he may deceive none.

Harrison's Soldiers.—We have gathered up the names of ten persons, now residing in Derry township, Westmoreland county, who were out under Gen. Harrison, and have ascertained that of the number there are

For Van Buren	9
For Harrison	1

We intend to follow out our list, and when it is completed, publish the names in full.—*Blairsville (Pa.) Record.*

The Governor of Mississippi having issued his proclamation, declaring that the Union Bank had forfeited all its banking privileges and powers, in consequence of its failure to redeem its ten dollar notes; the President of the bank has made his publication, stating that the bank feels it its duty to announce, that the proceedings of the Governor are unconstitutional.

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Why did real estate, which cost, in 1817, $1,500,000, bring only $500,000 in 1819? Was it the want of a U. S Bank?

Why was it that flour sold for from twelve to thirteen dollars per barrel in 1817, and only four and a half in 1819? Was it Gen. Jackson's "tinkering with the currency?

Why were our imports sixty millions more than our exports in 1816? Was it the "specie humbug?"

Why were thousands and tens of thousands thrown out of employment in 1818 and 1819? Was it the "Sub Treasury?"

Why was it that in 1816 and 1817 wild and reckless speculations were engaged in, and wanton extravagance and luxury the order of the day? Was it the "want of paper money?"

Why was it in 1818, '19, '20, and '21, our banks, our merchants, and our manufacturers, from Maine to Georgia, were all involved in common bankruptcy? Was it caused by the "Administration of Martin Van Buren?"

Why were the exchanges more deranged in 1818, and the three subsequent years, than they were before or have been since? Was it the "want of a great regulator?"

Point no Point.—"It is my opinion that no pledge should be made by an individual when in nomination for any office in the gift of the people.
Gen. Harrison at Fort Meigs.

Per Contra.—"I will not veto any bill which Congress may pass."—*Gen. H. at Cleveland, same tour.*

Put that and that together, and a fair sample of Harrison politics—Harrison consistency, is furnished. "All things to all men" that he may deceive none.

Harrison's Soldiers.—We have gathered up the names of ten persons, now residing in Derry township, Westmoreland county, who were out under Gen. Harrison, and have ascertained that of the number there are

For Van Buren	9
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We intend to follow out our list, and when it is completed, publish the names in full.—*Blairsville (Pa.) Record.*

The Governor of Mississippi having issued his proclamation, declaring that the Union Bank had forfeited all its banking privileges and powers, in consequence of its failure to redeem its ten dollar notes; the President of the bank has made his publication, stating that the bank feels it its duty to announce, that the proceedings of the Governor are unconstitutional.

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"No petition, memorial, resolution, or other paper, praying the Abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia, or any State or Territory, or the slave trade between the States or Territories of the United States in which it now exists, shall be received by the House, or entertained in any way whatever."

For the foregoing Resolution, at the late session of Congress, 38 of the Whig party voted, while 70 of them voted against it. Of the nine members of the Whig Executive Committee appointed early in the session, to disseminate electioneering documents, and arrange the plan of the Presidential campaign, six voted against the Resolution, and another would have so voted had he been present. But one single member of the Whig party, residing in a non-slaveholding State, gave his vote for the Resolution. It was adopted by the votes of the Southern members, aided by the Administration members from the North. Does not this prove which of the two is courting the Abolitionists?

John C. Clark, Leverett Saltonstall, and Truman Smith, three of the above named Committee, are avowed Abolitionists, and were selected, no doubt, to conciliate the fanatics. Their opinions are on record, and the second named has characterised Mr. Van Buren's declaration that he would veto any bill abolishing slavery in the District of Columbia, as "the most objectionable sentiment ever avowed by a Chief Magistrate of this nation." Yet these men are selected out of a large number of members of Congress (almost a majority,) to bear the conspicuous part of "Executive Committee," in advancing the election of General Harrison!

Pendleton (S. C.) Messenger.

Massachusetts has disbanded her militia throughout, and repealed the whole old system. Volunteer companies are hereafter to be raised on, stimulated by a small annual stipend to each man.

NOTICE.

THE Subscriber having been appointed by the [illegible] last Benjamin Austin, deceased, to act as Administrator on his estate, [illegible] resident of [illegible] Boston, Count[illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] General Harrison."

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THE CAROLINIAN.

Salisbury, Friday, Aug. 21, 1840.

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